

Black Robed Women Picket B. R. T. Head

Occasionally Sob Aloud in Court as Colonel Williams Testifies

Widows of Victims Keep All-Day Vigil

President of Company Begins Hearing With Reply to Mayor Hylan

Six black-robed women with mourning veils drooping from their hats, kept vigil all day yesterday near the chair of Colonel Timothy S. Williams in the Brooklyn Supreme Court room in which Mayor Hylan is holding a John Doe inquiry, intended to bring to justice those responsible for the wreck of a Brighton Beach train in the Malbone Street tunnel during a strike of B. R. T. motormen on November 1.

The doleful pickets were widows of the victims of the wreck. They crowded to the court attaches that the purpose of their surveillance was to bring home to the president of the B. R. T. a partial realization of the misery engendered by the catastrophe. Occasionally one of the sobbed aloud. All were members of an organization formed on Sunday with the idea of obtaining the fullest possible measure of compensation for the loss of kinfolk or for injuries suffered in the wreck.

Before District Attorney Lewis opened his examination Colonel Williams asked and received permission to read into the record a reply to a letter sent to the Board of Aldermen by Mayor Hylan, in which the Mayor charged that the non-compliance of the company with the recommendation of the National War Labor Board resulted in the Brighton Beach wreck by causing the strike, which in turn led to the use of inexperienced men as motormen.

Cites Three Facts

Colonel Williams in his statement said this was disproved by three facts. First, he said, the strike ballot was taken August 1, before the National War Labor Board's intervention. Second, he said, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers controlled the departmental trustees who had taken up the question of reinstatement of the twenty-nine men whose dismissal was the direct cause of the strike, at the request of Vice-President Dempsey. Colonel Williams said Mr. Dempsey had pledged himself to be bound by the decision of the trustees, and that these trustees were investigating the dispute during the two days previous to the strike.

After the strike, Colonel Williams said, they notified Mr. Dempsey that they could not act further because they had been ordered not to by the brotherhood.

The third point, Colonel Williams said, was that on the night of the wreck, "during the shadow of a great disaster," the Public Service Commission was attempting to persuade the brotherhood to call off the dogs and the B. R. T. had concealed the reinstatement of the strikers, the brotherhood refused to terminate the strike unless the company made still further concessions.

Colonel Williams then drew from his pocket yet another statement, saying that the B. R. T. had refused to obey an order of the Public Service Commission to submit to arbitration its cars. District Attorney Lewis objected to any further delay.

"Why," asked Colonel Williams, "because you think this is not germane?"

"Precisely," replied Mr. Lewis.

B. R. T. Clearing House

Colonel Williams asked many questions about the constant loaning and borrowing of money between the B. R. T. and its subsidiaries.

He indicated to George B. T. T. as a holding company, was a clearing house for cash, so that if the New York Municipal Railways needed funds the sum could be borrowed by the B. R. T. from one of the other subsidiaries, and then the B. R. T. in turn would lend the money to the needy corporation.

Colonel Williams said no one ever bothered him with questions of loans of \$250,000 or so.

Colonel Williams showed signs of irritation when questioned about the overhauling of B. R. T. trains.

"Did Mr. Dempsey say anything to you about the overhauling of trains running through Flatbush?"

"Yes," replied Colonel Williams, "we have had no aid or cooperation from the Public Service Commission or the city authorities. The responsibility for the convenience and safety to the traveling public is on the people, who have not given their permission for changes that would have enabled us to correct conditions."

The Help Asked For

Mayor Hylan mulled over this for nearly an hour, during which time District Attorney Lewis continued to ply the witness with questions.

"You said, Colonel, that you received no help from the Public Service Commission or the city authorities. What help have you asked from the city authorities since the first of this year, other than for permission to increase fares to 7 cents?"

"I think that is all," replied Colonel Williams.

Nicholas Brady, one of the heaviest stockholders in the road and chairman of the board of directors, testified that the directors left the operation of the road and questions of policy to the executives.

Secretary Remington, Treasurer Meneely, and President Hallcock of the New York Consolidated, were recalled to the stand during the afternoon.

President Hallcock was asked if he had ever read that part of the bylaws of the company that said the president was obligated to exercise general supervision over the line.

"I have not," he replied.

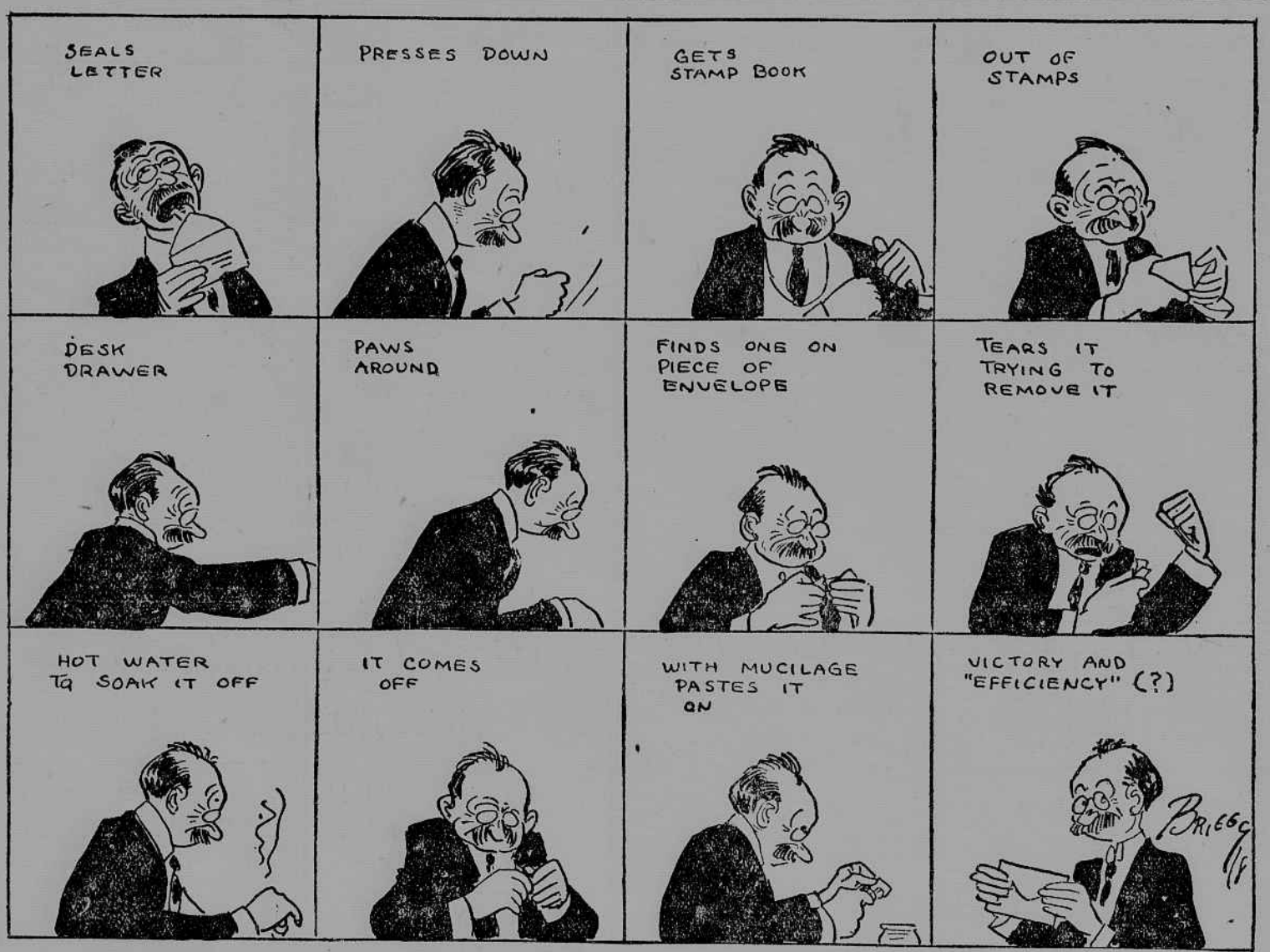
"Did you ever make any suggestions with regard to the road?"

"Why, yes. One summer I went out to Coney Island and saw many small boys picking up transfers and using them to pass through the gate. I suggested that this be stopped."

"Keeping your eyes on the nickels, eh?" remarked the Mayor, and then everybody except the women in mourning laughed.

The hearing will be resumed Monday.

Movie of a Man in Need of a Postage Stamp - - - By BRIGGS



Newsboys' Strike Wins Indorsement Of Another Union

Blacksmiths' Helpers Pledge to Aid Vendors Against Hearst Papers

The newsboys of the City of New York have been assured of the cooperation of another labor organization in their war against the Hearst papers. The Blacksmiths' Helpers' Union, at a meeting at Florence Hall, Second Avenue and First Street, voiced unanimously its sympathy with the vendors' struggles for better working conditions and by the adoption of a resolution pledged the assistance of its members.

In commenting on a statement of the newsboys' troubles, presented by Andrew Stanton, their leader, John Ryan, a delegate of the union, said Hearst's vaunted friendliness toward labor was all camouflage and that the tone of "The New York American" and "The Evening Journal" during the war had been, to say the least, decidedly unpatriotic.

The resolution adopted at the meeting, at which George Peck, the president, presided, read:

"Whereas, The said newsboys of the City of New York in their struggle to improve their living conditions have asked the publishers of the daily papers of the city to allow them a little more profit, and

"Whereas, The said newsboys claim that their fair demands were turned down mainly through the influence of the publisher of 'The New York American' and 'The Evening Journal,' which papers, they claim, they are being forced to sell, although a large portion of the public will not buy them for patriotic reasons, and

"Resolved, That the Blacksmiths' Helpers' Union hereby approves and indorses the strike of the newsboys of the greater city for better working and living conditions, and extends to them the moral support of its members."

Mr. Stanton announces an important meeting of the Newsboys' Union at Hesse's Hall, 201 William Street, on Friday night.

Crippled Children's Home Faces Closing

Must Turn Out 600 Infants Paralysis Cases Unless It Gets Funds

Unless immediate assistance is given the Throop Avenue Dispensary for Crippled Children in Brooklyn will be forced to close its doors to more than 600 victims of the infantile paralysis epidemic of 1916, who now are entering the chronic stage as cripples.

According to Mrs. Genevieve B. Earle, chairman of the dispensary's board of directors, it requires about \$2,000 a month to operate the dispensary, and there is just enough money in the treasury to meet the next two payrolls.

The financial condition of the dispensary is due to the demands made upon former contributors by the various government and war work drives. This has caused subscriptions to be cut in half and payments to be long delayed. For two years the dispensary has treated about 125 infantile paralysis victims a week.

Dr. Weiss Acquitted

Jury Out 10 Minutes Considering Sedition Charge

Dr. George C. Weiss, former Health Officer of Mount Vernon, who has been on trial in the Federal District Court charged with having uttered seditious remarks about the United States, was acquitted yesterday by a jury before Judge A. N. Hand after ten minutes' deliberation.

Two months ago Dr. Weiss was tried on the same charge and the jury failed to agree.

Enemy Aliens Will Eat Turkey - Not Crow—as Guests of Sheriff

"Alimony Club" Also Invited to Partake of Regular Holiday Repast and Forget Cramped Quarters at Annual Ludlow Street Celebration

Notice is hereby served on prospective members of the Alimony Club that they will do well to get under the roof of the famous organization in Ludlow Street this day. No member will be accepted to-morrow and Friday will be too late.

Mindful of the great day of prayer and feasting, and also mindful of the fact that the city allows him just about enough to feed his charges with the strictest economy, not too much of that, Sheriff David H. Knott has prepared a surprise for the "Alimony Club" in Ludlow Street Jail. It is a fine, balanced dinner for Thanksgiving Day. It will be Sheriff Knott's treat, and having a man with large hotel interests and experience, he has prepared a menu that would embellish the list of any hotel. Here it is:

Prime Roast Beef, Half Ham, Baked Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Pie, Apples, Raisins, Nuts, Coffee, Cakes, and a variety of other delicacies.

And that is not all. There will be a vaudeville performance which William Fox has promised Sheriff Knott to provide for the occasion.

Ordinarily most of the diners would prefer to take a walk after dinner, but such a thing is proscribed for members of the club, so the laughter that the actors are expected to provoke will furnish the necessary digestive agency.

The dinner will differ from a Sheriff's jury dinner in that coffee and water will be the only liquids served.

The Federal prisoners in the jail also will partake of the treat, Sheriff Knott putting aside the suggestion that they eat German food and suspected enemy aliens.

There will be no invitations. Admission to the club is by court order only.

Tax Lien Broker Accused of Fraud In Deed Transfer

David Bandler, a tax lien broker of Mineola, L. I., who a few days ago spurned a summons to testify in the investigation of tax lien sales conducted by Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld, was held on a charge of petty larceny yesterday by Magistrate Appleton, presiding over the investigation of tax sales in the Municipal Term Court. The charge against Bandler is that he obtained \$30 by means of false representations from Mrs. Jennie C. Hitchcock, a music dealer at 25 Ann Street, on July 17, 1917.

The principal evidence offered against Bandler by Assistant District Attorney Waugh was furnished by Miss Grace S. Liddell, of 481 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, business manager for Mrs. Hitchcock. She testified that Mrs. Hitchcock owned a lot on the Jersey Turnpike in Garden City Park, and that she found on inquiry from a treasurer of Nassau County that a tax deed to the land had been delivered for \$324 to a William Gregory, of Great Neck, L. I., at a tax sale in 1907.

Later, Miss Liddell said, she got a letter from Bandler, saying that he represented Gregory and that the property could be redeemed through him. Miss Liddell said she wrote to Bandler asking him for terms, and was told that for \$30 she could obtain a sixteen title. Bandler called at 25 Ann Street and Miss Liddell made out a check for \$30. Bandler, she said, asked her to make it payable to Gregory, which she did. Then, she testified, Bandler gave her what purported to be a deed, saying: "This redeems the lot to Mrs. Hitchcock with a clear title."

Joseph L. Sigretto, of Brooklyn, testified he held a deed to the Hitchcock property, having bought it for unpaid taxes.

Curfew Law Is Passed

Ordinance Regulating Children Effective at Once

The Board of Aldermen yesterday passed the so-called curfew ordinance, which aims at having all children under sixteen off the streets after 9 o'clock in the winter and 10 o'clock in summer. The ordinance becomes effective immediately.

The ordinance leaves it solely to the discretion of the police to enforce the law, which provides that a policeman may arrest a minor or one apparently a minor if on the streets after the curfew hour.

Hearst Newspaper Hissed by Patriots For German Pleas

Editorial in 'American' Saying U. S. Has Done Full Duty to Europe Denounced

William Randolph Hearst's "New York American" was hissed yesterday at the German boycott rally held in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, under the auspices of the American Relief Legion.

Captain Herbert C. Mathias, an American, who fought in the First Canadian Army and whose two brothers are buried in France, was on the platform urging on his audience, composed of representative New York city unionmen, the necessity for an absolute boycott of all German-made goods.

"We've got to boycott German goods," he said. "The enforcing of such a boycott is a matter for the loyal American press, excluding of course, the noxious 'New York American,' which announced in an editorial this morning that the United States already had done its full duty to Europe and questioned the wisdom of our continuing to 'interfere' in continental affairs."

Duty Not Yet Done

It was at this point that the audience hissed. Captain Mathias continued when the demonstration had ceased.

"That, of course, is ridiculous. We have not done a tithe of our duty over there yet. Now there are those who are trying to get us to aid Germany. They tell us we cannot collect our indemnities unless we trade with the Central Powers. I am a soldier, and I speak from the heart. I tell you if I sent me the bodies of my two brothers who died in France in a box that had carried food to the soldier that killed them, I'd dump the bodies of the boys I love into the East River rather than accept them."

There is enough wealth in Germany to pay those indemnities without our help. Let the people pay up. We ought to act as did the people in Canada, who waited so long as long as there was a crippled or maimed soldier in the Dominion they would not tolerate German-made goods."

Boycott Is Upheld

The meeting was called to protest against the importation of the German toys recently dumped into this country. Mrs. Oliver Cromptell Field, president of the American Relief Legion, made an opening address. Mrs. J. Thomas Plummer was the chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Walter Scott Nadger the vice-chairman.

Other speakers included Roy Soule, editor of the "New York Mirror," and Mrs. F. Yawger, president of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Savings in War Funds To Be Investigated

House Committee to Call Heads of Departments to Learn How Much Is Left

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Congressional investigation to determine what savings of war appropriations will result from the sudden change from war to peace will be begun next Monday by a House appropriations subcommittee, headed by Representative Sherley.

The hearing is expected to be held in the House of Representatives. Heads of all government departments will be called as witnesses, Mr. Sherley said today.

In announcing the hearings, Chairman Sherley said that the main purpose would be to determine what part of appropriations that have been made of Congress are yet unexpended, and to have this money transferred to the general fund of the Treasury.

The hearing is expected to be held in detail what expenditures have been made by various departments and what new activities have been undertaken by the departments during the war.

Beecher Memorial Pastor Accused of Cruelty by Wife

Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged in a separation suit against the Rev. Eugene P. Hall, pastor of the Beecher Memorial Church, Brooklyn, in the Supreme Court yesterday by Mrs. Anna H. Hall. She asked the court to determine what part of her two children, in opposition to her, had been made of this country for war, have offset the commendable things he has done."

Swann to Push Baksa Case Despite Man's Confession

District Attorney Says He Expects Conviction of 18-Year-Old Girl on Indirect Evidence

ELIZABETH BAKSA

District Attorney Swann announced last night that he intended to continue with the trial of Elizabeth Baksa Friday.

"Notwithstanding the confession of Regan," said the District Attorney, "the prosecution has evidence which it believes will convict the Baksa girl of the murder of Mrs. Hamel."

"When first placed under arrest," continued Mr. Swann, "the girl had jewelry belonging to Mrs. Hamel in her possession. Moreover we are positive we can prove that the bite in Mrs. Hamel's arm was made by the accused girl."

"Regan, too, admits in his confession that the Baksa girl was in the room at least fifteen minutes before he was. The evidence, all in all, is far too strong to be swept aside by the unsupported word of a convict."

District Attorney Swann's statement came at the conclusion of a remarkable day in the General Sessions. Yesterday morning there was seemingly nothing to prevent the continuance of the trial of the eighteen-year-old girl charged with the murder of Mrs. Helen Hamel, owner of a lodging house in West Twenty-third Street, where the girl had made her home. Then the announcement was made that the trial would be postponed for one hour.

Confession Causes Delay

At the expiration of the first recess it was stated that an adjournment would be taken until Friday. In explanation, it was said that a man had confessed to the crime for which the girl was being tried.

The girl apparently was exonerated by the confession, which seemed to prick the bubble of circumstantial evidence which has surrounded the girl ever since the murder, while some details remain to be explained it was assumed that the charge against her would be withdrawn. Regan said that he saw Mrs. Hamel while a companion fought with her in an attempt to rob her.

Miss Baksa greeted the news with her usual childish naivete.

"That's just what I told you, Mr. Keenig," she said to her lawyer. "I told you a man did it."

Details Not Discussed

Regan's confession was made in an all night session with Judge Rosalsky, District Attorney Swann, and Samuel J. Keenig, for Miss Baksa. Yesterday Judge Rosalsky would not permit details of the story to be discussed.

An extract from Regan's confession found its way to the reporters' room of the Criminal Court building.

Regarding his actions on the day of the crime, Regan said:

"On February 13, at 1 p. m., I entered the premises at 507 West Twenty-third Street after another man, who had gone in for the purpose of robbing the place. I went into the house and walked through the back door into the yard. I returned to the basement and found my pal struggling with a woman. I saw him strike her with a stick. I did not see her face, but I saw her around her neck and pulled her to a couch. She was gone then. He struck her again with a bat or some piece of wood he picked up."

"I thought when I saw them struggling that she was getting the best of him, so I grabbed the towel from a rack and tied it around her neck. I also knifed her at the back. I took some money, two rings a watch, and

Republican Committee to Back Whitman

Agrees to Give Governor Moral Support to Obtain Recount

Financial Question To Come Up Later

Dilatory Tactics of Smith's Lawyers Come In for Severe Criticism

Members of the executive committee of the Republican State Committee decided yesterday that Governor Whitman is entitled to the full moral support of the committee in its efforts to have the ballots cast in the election inspected in districts where the count is under suspicion.

All of the members of the executive committee present at the meeting yesterday were eager to learn the true situation concerning the concerted efforts of the council for Alfred E. Smith to prevent an inspection of the ballots in the City of New York. The situation, as the Republican leaders now understand it, is that Governor Whitman can obtain an order from the Appellate Division if he will stipulate that in no circumstances will he call a special session of the Legislature to amend the code as to expedite a quo warranto proceeding that afterward might be brought.

Whitman Refuses Pact

Governor Whitman refuses either informally or formally to stipulate that he will do this. He takes the position that the matter of calling a special session is a constitutional prerogative, and that he could not divest himself of such a prerogative even if he wanted to.

The Republican leaders seemed to agree that the Governor's position was sound and that he was entitled to the support of his party. Nothing was said about the financial question, responsibility for any quo warranto proceeding after January 1. The Governor began actions in all the counties in this end of the state, and thus far they have had no effect. If before the official canvass is declared on December 20 the Governor's lawyers succeed in getting authority to inspect the ballots, the matter of asking the state committee to financially support the quo warranto action will be a moot question of the full committee.

Party Plans Discussed

Congressman Bertrand B. Snell, chairman of the committee, said that the discussion was over the best way to build up the party in the state, and that neither the recount nor a special session of the Legislature was discussed.

Present at the meeting in addition to Congressman Snell, State Chairman George A. Glynn and Secretary Gleason were William L. Ward, of Westchester; Miss Mary Garrett Har and Mrs. John Francis Yawger, of New York; Mrs. William C. Beecher, of Brooklyn; Public Service Commissioner F. J. N. Knicker, of Brooklyn; Thomas R. Proctor, of Utica; Mayor John W. Smith, of Oswego; Congressman Norman J. Gould, of Seneca Falls; John G. Wickert, of Buffalo; Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore, of Yonkers; and Harrison K. Bird, of New York, treasurer of the committee. George W. Aldridge, of Rochester, conferred with various members of the committee, but did not attend the meeting.

Smith \$222 Ahead

With the soldier vote not counted, Alfred E. Smith leads Governor Whitman in the state by \$222 in the official tally of the vote in this county. The margin in the computation. A voting machine worked wrong in the town of Moravia, Cayuga County, making it impracticable as yet to arrive at an exact tally of the vote in that county. The ballots are being examined by Justice Clark, of the Supreme Court. The official canvass in New York City gave the Governor 285,449 and his opponent, Mr. Smith, 285,227. The total vote was 1,979,516, and it is likely that the margin will be about 10,000. The latter vote may not be canvassed and reported until December 20.

City Briefs

Barracks at Camp Mills, L. I., are being rushed to completion for aviators expected from overseas next week.

A Jersey Central passenger train hit an automobile driven by Ignatz L. Rosenbaum, of Flemington, N. J., at a grade crossing near Flemington. Rosenbaum was taken to a hospital, where he is in a critical condition. His companion, J. Levine, was killed.

The Carnegie Hero Commission has awarded a bronze medal to day to Howard W. Moore, of Cherry Valley, N. Y., who rescued Mary Hanney from drowning in the Saratoga River in Port Lawrence last week.

Fire destroyed a storehouse of the Edward Fisher, Penick & Company, 27-33 Eleventh Street, and for a time threatened to consume adjoining buildings.

Five workmen in the plant of Stephen Harnett, shipbuilders and repairers, 411 West Street, were severely burned in the explosion of a kerosene tank. The damage was estimated at \$500.

The Mexican colony of New York, with the sanction of Consul General Adolfo de la Huerta, has started a relief fund to help thousands of villagers who were rendered destitute by a cyclone which hit Lower California. The Mexican government contributed \$30,000.

Members of the New York Jewish League at the Hotel McAlpin saw motion pictures depicting the part the telephone and telegraph played in defeating the Germans. The Dr. C. Wallace Kelly, pastor of the Greater Avenue Baptist Church, delivered an address.

District Attorney Francis Martin, of the Bronx, has announced the arrest of William J. Dabbs, an attorney, of 1287 University Avenue, The Bronx, as an assistant. The position pays \$3,000 a year.

The Central Federated Union appealed yesterday to President Wilson to order the United States to demand the release of Irish prisoners. The message sent the President declared Ireland has shown itself to be less all the qualifications of nationhood.

Holiday Turkeys To Be at Fair Price, Food Board Says

Extreme Quotation for Dinner Fowl Is 60 Cents, or Even More

With seven varieties of turkey on the market, ranging from the luscious, meaty, dry-picked Maryland at 60 cents or more a pound to the lean, sinewy birds from Texas, costing as little as 42 cents a pound, there promises to be enough turkey to-morrow for all who can afford to observe the Thanksgiving with the time-honored feasting.

Hundreds of poorer families who will stretch their financial capacities to crown this year's celebration with a turkey will be protected from profiteering by the Federal Food Board. The board announced yesterday that it considers nine cents a sufficient margin of profit on turkeys on a cash-and-carry basis.

The board also is determined to stamp out the practice of a few unscrupulous dealers who sell cold storage turkeys as "fresh killed" birds. If any one suspects that cold-storage birds are being sold as fresh he is asked to communicate with the board, 6 West Fifty-seventh Street, and an immediate investigation by the board's experts will be made. Guilty dealers will be severely punished.

Fair Profit Is Fixed

Householders should pay no more than from 50 to 55 cents a pound for which will whole turkeys, dry-picked, 44 to 45 cents a pound. Average Western dry-picked turkeys should cost 48 to 50 cents a pound. The price on Western cold turkeys is from 40 to 50 cents. Southern dried birds, with heavy frames, will bring from 44 to 48 cents a pound. Texas turkeys will cost from 42 to 47 cents. Southern scalded birds should range from 38 to 42 cents a pound, the wholesale price being from 48 to 50 cents a pound. P. Q. Foy, market expert, compiled these prices from the wholesale schedule.

Price for Chickens

Roasting chickens, turkey's first substitute, will cost the householder from 40 to 45 cents a pound, while fowls for fricasseeing have a retail value of from 40 to 42 cents. Fancy goslings will cost from 45 to 50 cents a pound, and average geese, older and more experienced birds, about 38 to 42 cents. Ducks have a retail worth of from 45 to 50 cents a pound to-day. Guinea hens can be bought for from \$1.75 to \$2 a pair. Squabs top the high

Stoehr Sues Alien Property Custodian

An equity suit was brought in the Federal District Court yesterday by Max W. Stoehr, as owner of forty-four shares of capital stock of Stoehr & Sons, Inc., a New York corporation, against A. Mitchell Palmer, Alien Property Custodian, and all the directors that official has placed in charge of the Botany Worsted Mills, a New Jersey corporation.

The complaint alleges that the seizure of the Botany Mills is a violation of the Constitution of the United States, and that the threatened sale on December 2 only to an American corporation is injurious to the interests of the stockholders.

Stoehr asks that Mr. Palmer be enjoined from selling the capital stock of the Botany Mills and asks the court to direct the Alien Property Custodian to surrender the American owned property seized.

15,000 in Strike Parade

Fifteen thousand waiters and cooks employed in 250 hotels and restaurants will signalize a general strike for higher wages by a parade to-morrow.

A permit was obtained yesterday from Chief Police Inspector John Daly, who stipulated that the demonstration should be permitted only on condition that no red flags were displayed.

The parade will form at Columbus Circle at 11 o'clock and the police have outlined the route, which will be up Broadway to Forty-fourth Street, then Park Avenue to Forty-fourth Street, and the New Amsterdam Opera House, where a mass meeting will be held.

Cooks and Waiters Forbidden to Carry Red Flags

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